

# Check-It-Out

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2007

## From the Director



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Do you have a great doll collection? Do you make model airplanes? Do you own every Marvel Comic Book? Why not display your collection, your hobby or something else of interest in the display case in the Children's Department. Call 425-8214 and ask for Debbie.

## "It's a Happening Place"

I am taking a line from Friend of Franklin Public Library Marjorie Pagel's blog on [www.franklinnow.com](http://www.franklinnow.com). She writes about how libraries are "a happening place." She starts her blog with a multiple choice question. **Libraries are places to go to:**

- A) Check out books
- B) Enter a contest
- C) View an art exhibit
- D) Buy raffle tickets for a chance to win a handmade quilt
- E) Donate a handmade pillow case for a soldier in Iraq
- F) Send an email or type and print a letter to your cousin Sally
- G) Hang out with a giraffe

**The answer:** All of the above if the library in question is the Franklin Public Library. Of course, that's not all you can do at the Franklin library. In the next few months you will have a chance to: attend a cooking program with Staci Joers: Basic Sushi for the Home Chef, Afternoon Tea-Lunch and Learn, or Favorite Restaurant Knockoff Recipes; attend a wine-tasting on October 13 (tickets must be purchased in advance); register for computer classes through the Franklin Community Education and Recreation Department; participate in a book or poetry club; buy used items at the Book Sale; join the Friends of the Franklin Public Library; or sign up your child or grandchild for reading programs. Yes, the Franklin Public Library is YOUR LIBRARY. Come check us out!

## Books for Soldiers Update

Thank you to all who helped with John Roark's Eagle Scout project. He was able to ship over 1,000 books, 224 magazines, over 160 DVDs, and over 80 video games to soldiers. He also sent personal care items, food and other items. You would not believe the heartfelt thanks he has received from the soldiers. They are so appreciative that people who don't even know them would send care packages. This program is continuing to be sponsored by the Friends of the Franklin Public Library, and Karen Grochowski of Books for Soldiers Franklin is continuing to accept donations at the library. She is in the process of setting up packing parties for this fall. If you are interested in helping, please view the website at [www.mcfls.org/franklin](http://www.mcfls.org/franklin).

*Barbara Roark, Director*

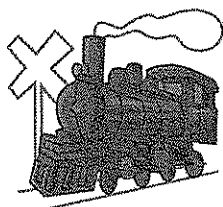
## Family Programs

### The Magic of Rondini

September 19 at 7:00 p.m.  
No Registration Required  
All are Welcome



**Rondini** is a full-time professional magician with almost 30 years of experience. His show includes magic set to music, balloon animals, audience participation, live animals including a parrot and a bunny, and a drawing of a library book which comes to life! He will show how libraries are magical places! Rondini got his start in magic at age 12 by reading a book from the Menasha Library.



### Rails & Trails

October 11 at 7:00 p.m.  
No Registration Required  
All are Welcome

Join **Colin O'Brien** for a musical journey highlighting songs and stories of the Old West, the railways and the characters found along the way.

*Barbara Roark, Library Director*

## Antique Appraisals



**Saturday, September 22**  
**10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

Barbara Eash is a Certified Personal Property Appraiser specializing in the appraisals of antiques and collectibles. She will give a brief introduction and then appraise items brought in by the audience. Please bring only **one** item. If the item you want to bring is a larger piece of furniture, please bring a picture of it instead.



**Please no stamps or coins. Space is limited to 80 people. Registration is required for this program. Please call the Franklin Public Library at (414) 425-8214 to register.**

*Beverly Polaski, Reference Librarian*



## 2008 Coupon Books

Entertainment Books and Gold C Books are available for sale at the Franklin Public Library. The Entertainment Books are \$35 and are valid through 11/1/08. Gold C Books are \$15 and are valid through 9/30/08. You will receive a free membership to Entertainment on Vacation-2 weeks of savings with your purchase of an Entertainment Book! Thank you for your continued support.

*Susan Budish, Library Assistant*

## Book Discussion Groups

### Night Readers

Sept. 20 - *Night* by Elie Wiesel

Oct. 18 - *The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier and Klay* by Michael Chabon

Nov. 15 - *Life of Pi* by Yann Martel

### Brown Baggers

Sept. 18 - *Artemis Fowl* by Eoin Colfer

Oct. 16 - *The Greatest Generation* by Tom Brokaw

Nov. 13 - *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* by Maya Angelou

## Check-It-Out

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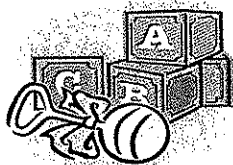
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M. Walton

## Nursery Rhyme Time

Fall Session  
(Ages birth-17 months)



**Sign-Up Required-Space is Limited to 12**

The fall session will last four Monday mornings.

**Sept. 10, 17, 24, & Oct. 1**

Mondays at 9:30 a.m. - WALKERS

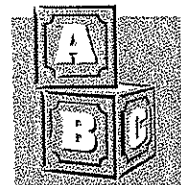
Mondays at 10:45 a.m. - PRE-WALKERS

**Franklin residents may sign up in person or on the phone starting Tuesday, August 21, 2007.** All other patrons can sign up starting Wednesday, August 22. Please register for one session. The session will consist of 20 minutes of structured program and 40 minutes of social time for parents and babies.

*Debbie Olguin, Youth Reference Librarian*

## Lapsitters

Fall Session  
(Ages 18 months-35 months)



Mon. 6:30 p.m., Tues. 10:15 a.m.,  
Wed. 10:15 a.m. or 2:00 p.m., Thurs. 10:15 a.m.

**Sign-Up Required-Space is Limited**

**Sept. 10, 11, 12, or 13**

**Sept. 17, 18, 19, or 20**

**Sept. 24, 25, 26, or 27**

**Oct. 1, 2, 3, or 4**

Colors of the Rainbow

My ABCs

Same & Different

A Zoo & A Moo

Children ages 18 months to 35 months may register for this four-week program. The child must be accompanied by a caregiver. Each week the program will last approximately 20-30 minutes. **Franklin residents may sign up in person or on the phone starting Tuesday, August 21, 2007.** All others may sign up in person or on the phone starting Wednesday, August 22, 2007.

*Debbie Olguin, Youth Reference Librarian*

## Storytime Fall Session

(Ages 3-5)

Mondays at 6:30 p.m., Tuesdays at 10:15 a.m.,

Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m. or 2:00 p.m.,

Thursdays at 10:15 a.m.

**Sign-Up Required-Space is Limited**



**Oct. 8, 9, 10, or 11**

Who are the People in  
our Neighborhood?

**Oct. 15, 16, 17, or 18**

Please & Thank You

**Oct. 22, 23, 24, or 25**

How are You Feeling?

**Oct. 29, 30, 31, or Nov. 1**

Moose on the Loose

**Nov. 5, 6, 7, or 8**

Popcorn!

**Nov. 12, 13, 14, or 15**

Elephants & Hippos

Each storytime lasts approximately 45-60 minutes. Caregivers may choose to attend or not attend the storytime, but must remain in the building. Caregivers are encouraged to return to help their child with the craft. **Franklin residents may sign up in person or on the phone starting Wednesday, September 12, 2007.** All other residents may sign up starting Thursday, September 13, 2007.

*Debbie Olguin, Youth Reference Librarian*

## Summertime Fun!

The library was a GREAT place to be this summer! We had a record number of children sign up for our Summer Reading Clubs! We had nearly 1000 people attend our Drop-in Storytimes! We had over 2000 people attend our Wednesday Programs! We gave away more than 150 prizes in our raffle and we had an awesome time doing it! We had a wonderful performance from our Readers' Theater Group and created an exciting new newsletter for our patrons-*Just My Opinion*-for kids by kids! Our Bookaneers found moon rocks outside and looked for Bigfoot! We introduced our fantastic new Young Adult Summer Reading Book Club, too!



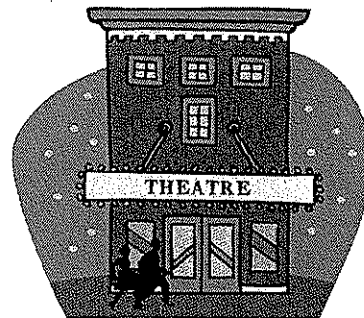
All the villains have been caught. All the clues have been found. All the mysteries have been solved. Thanks to everyone who participated and made this the best summer ever!

We say good-bye to the tootsie rolls and suckers until next summer when we will **"Catch the Reading Bug!"**

*Debbie Olguin, Youth Reference Librarian*

## Milwaukee's Silver Screens II

Sometimes movie sequels disappoint, but the second "Milwaukee's Silver Screens" program at the Franklin Public Library promises to be even bigger than the first. Local author Larry Widen returns **Monday, October 8th at 7:00 p.m.** to tell more about the history of the movie-going experience in the Milwaukee area.



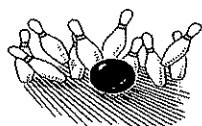
Whether you were able to attend the first program in July or not, "Milwaukee's Silver Screens II" will allow you to find out more about what theaters in southeastern Wisconsin were like, dating back to the 1890s nickelodeons. Larry's presentation will no doubt bring back memories for some, which will cover many of the area's grand movie palaces, as well as popular neighborhood cinemas.

Larry is the co-author of Silver Screens: a Pictorial History of Milwaukee's Movie Theaters, and the owner of Milwaukee's historic Times Cinema. He is a Milwaukee-based freelance writer, and has also authored several other books.

To sign up in advance for the program, please stop in at the library, or call (414) 425-8214 beginning Sept. 10. This program is free and open to the public.

*Andy Scott, Reference Librarian*

## Mark your Calendars!



Join us at the Franklin Public Library on **Wednesday, October 24 at 7:00 p.m.** when Doug Schmidt, Franklin resident and author of the new book *They came to bowl: how Milwaukee became America's tenpin capital*, discusses his book about the lively history of this sport, its German roots and just how Milwaukee got bowled over by bowling. Mr. Schmidt will also be signing copies of his book, which will be available for sale at the program.

The program is free and open to the public. To sign up in advance, please stop in at the library or call (414) 425-8214.

*Jennifer Loeffel, Adult Services Librarian*

## Wisconsin Barns: Touchstones to the Past

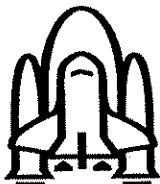


Join us at the Franklin Public Library on **October 3 at 6:30 p.m.** for **Wisconsin barns: touchstones to the past**—an informative program presented by Tom Laughlin. Mr. Laughlin will help us understand the origins of the American barn as it nurtured our development as a country and provide insights into the history and heritage we all share in them.

The program is free and open to the public. To sign up in advance, please stop in at the library, or call (414) 425-8214.

*Jennifer Loeffel, Adult Services Librarian*

## Movie Night



Franklin Public Library movie night is **Monday, October 1 at 7:00 p.m.** featuring the movie *October Sky*. Based on the book *Rocket Boys* by Homer Hickham, it is the true story of Homer Hickham, Jr. who seemed destined to follow in the footsteps of his miner father, until he set his eyes on the sky. Starring Jake Gyllenhaal, Chris Cooper, and Laura Dern.

To sign up in advance, please stop in at the library, or call (414) 425-8214.

*Jennifer Loeffel, Adult Services Librarian*

## Check Out Our New Digital Audiobooks

Come in and check out the library's newest audiobook option. Playaway audiobooks are a new, self-contained, pre-loaded digital audiobook, and are now available at the library.

You won't need to bother changing tapes or CDs, or downloading files. Just plug in some headphones, press the play button on the Playaway, and your story is off and running.

You'll just need to supply your own headphones and AAA battery. The library will have a limited supply of "earbud" headphones for sale if you don't already have some of your own to use.



Funds for the library's initial purchase of Playaway units were provided by the Franklin Public Library Foundation.

*Andy Scott, Reference Librarian*

## Beer Barons of Milwaukee

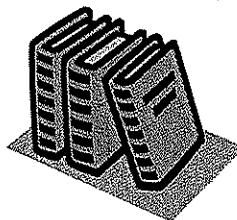
What were the beer makers who made Milwaukee famous really like? Find out at the program "**Beer Barons of Milwaukee**" at the Franklin Public Library on **Monday, Sept. 24 at 7:00 p.m.**

The program features John Eastberg, senior historian at Milwaukee's historic Pabst Mansion. He will talk about the history of the Milwaukee beer industry, and tell stories and show slides of such well-known brewers as Pabst, Schlitz, Miller and Uihlein at both work and play.



The program is free and open to the public. To sign up in advance, please stop in at the library, or call the library at (414) 425-8214.

*Andy Scott, Reference Librarian*



## Friends of the Franklin Public Library Used Book Sale September 6-9

The 2007 Friends of the Franklin Public Library Used Book Sale will be here before you know it! The Friends are looking for donations of gently used books, DVDs, videos, or CDs. Items can be dropped off at the library and a receipt can be issued for tax purposes upon request.

Thursday, Sept. 6 from 6-8:00 p.m. is Preview Night for members of the Friends of the Franklin Public Library. Friday thru Sunday, the book sale will be open to the general public.

The Friends will be looking for volunteers to help sort the books and work the book sale. Please call the library at (414) 425-8214 if you are interested in volunteering.

*Jennifer Loeffel, Adult Services Librarian*

**Library Hours:**

Monday - Thursday

10:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Fri. & Sat. 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Loan periods:**

All materials lent for 21 days with the following exceptions:

Best sellers, magazines, encyclopedias, and newspapers for 7 days.

Adults' entertainment videos for 3 days.

Adults' educational videos and CD-ROMs and children's videos for 7 days.

Children's puppets and toys for 7 days.

Overdues: 3-day grace period on all materials except toys and 3-day videos.

Fines are 10¢ per day except: toys- \$1 per day and movies- 50¢ per day.

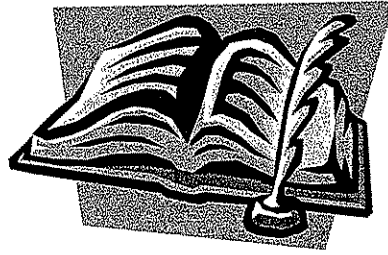
**Meeting rooms available. Call 414 425-8214 for information and/or reservations.**

## Library Services

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- Reference
- Reader's advisory
- Book reserves
- Business directories
- Circulating magazines, newspapers and encyclopedias
- Black and white photocopier
- Tax forms
- Book discussion groups
- Consumer information
- Computer services
- Internet
- Microsoft Word
- Microsoft Excel
- Friendly staff
- Children's services
- Preschool storytimes
- Summer reading program
- Group library tours and storytime upon request
- Special collections
- Large print books
- Auto repair manuals
- Franklin history files
- College catalogs
- Stock and mutual fund materials
- Atlases and maps
- GED preparation materials
- Job search materials

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### **Friends Annual Book Sale**

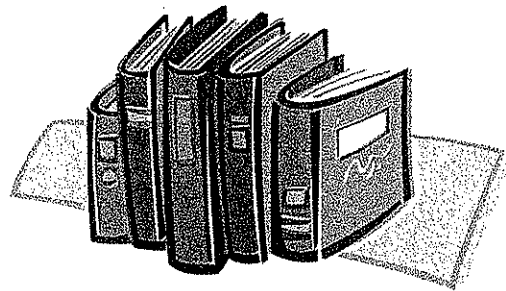
The Annual Used Book Sale will be held this year on September 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup>. The Special Preview of the Sale, open to Friends of the Franklin Public Library only, will be on September 6<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. This is your chance to see the entire selection of books and make your purchases before the general public is allowed to shop. The book sale preview is one of your benefits as a member of the Friends. If you can also help at the book sale, please call the library at 414 425-8214.

The hours for the sale are:

September 7<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

September 8<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

September 9<sup>th</sup> 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm



A complimentary lunch will be provided by the Quilting Bees.

Create a notebook filled with 12 unique border samples and ideas for finishing off your quilts.

Add interest and creativity with ease---and in a lot less time too. Join this hands-on class and learn a dozen attractive, fool-proof border concepts perfected by Mary Ellen Hopkins, a nationally-known quilting expert.

### **Patchwork Borders Workshop**

Saturday, September 15th Patchwork Borders Quilt Workshop with Jan Krueger

Join Jan Krueger for the Patchwork Borders Workshop from 10 am to 4 pm.

The cost of the workshop is \$20 payable at registration at the library checkout desk. Check out the sample quilts on display in the case at the front of the library.

Upon registration, a materials list will be provided with instructions for precutting which is necessary for this workshop. Call 414-426-0012 with any questions.

### **Would You Like to Serve?**

We are still looking for a member who would be willing to serve as president of the Friends organization. If you are interested, or if you have questions concerning your duties as president, please call Judy Roberts at 414 426-0012.



### **An Important Reminder:**

#### **Volunteers Needed to Help at Staci Joers Cooking Programs**

This fall, Barbara Roark, library director, will chair the Staci Joers Cooking Programs. The cooking programs will continue to be sponsored by the Friends of the Franklin Public Library, so volunteers are needed to assist Barbara and Staci at the programs.

Dates and times needed are:

Thursday, Sept. 27th either 10:00 am to 2:00 pm or 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

Thursday, October 18th, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Thursday, October 25th, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm or 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

The volunteer duties will include registrant check-off and provision of recipes, assistance preparing ingredients in the kitchen, serving of food, and cleanup.

To volunteer, please contact Barbara Roark at [broark@franklinwi.gov](mailto:broark@franklinwi.gov) or call the library at 414-425-8214 and ask to speak to Barbara Roark or leave a message on her voice mail.



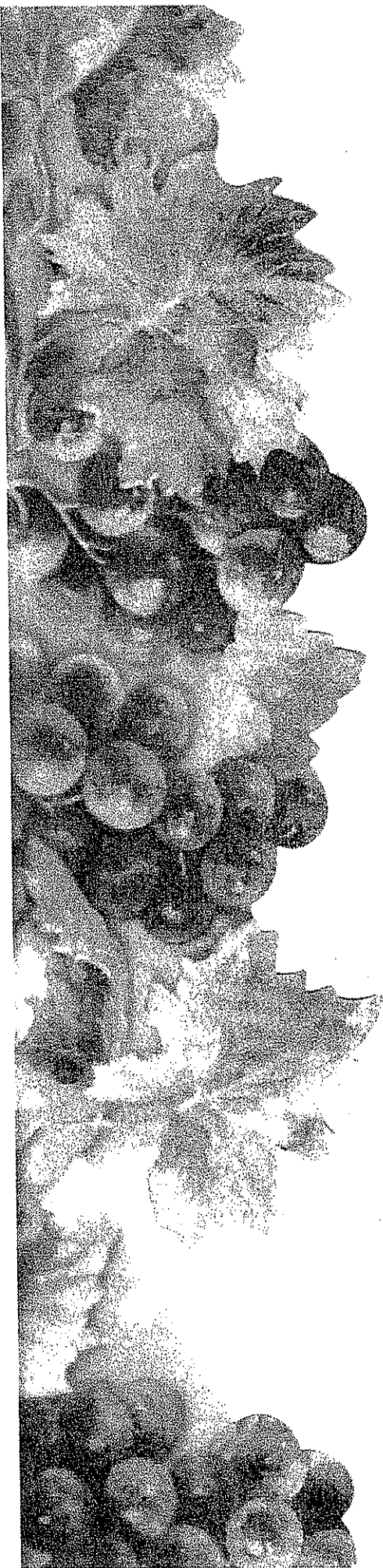
### **What's On Your Label??**

Do you have a sad face ☹ on your label? That means you have not sent in your renewal, and this will be your last newsletter until you send in your dues.

Individual	\$10.00
Senior	\$5.00
Family	\$15.00
Organization	\$25.00
Benefactor	\$50.00+

We hope you will continue to support the Franklin Public Library and their Friends!!





*You are invited by the  
Friends of the Franklin Public Library  
to celebrate Fine Wines from  
around the world  
at a*

# *Wine Tasting Benefit*

*October 13, 2007*

*6:00 to 9:00pm*

*To be held at the  
Franklin Public Library*

*9151 W. Loomis Road*

*Featuring Fine Wines Provided by*

*Consumer Beverage*

*5313 South 108<sup>th</sup> St, Hales Corners*

*and Catering by*

*Jack Norman Catering*

*2555 North Lake Drive, Milwaukee*

*\$25.00 per person*

*Also includes door prizes and quilt raffles*

*Donated by Consumer Beverage, KS Remodelers*

*and Busy Bee Quilters*

*Proceeds from this event will be used to enhance  
the library collection and continue educational  
and entertainment programs.*

*Advance ticket sales only.*

*Tickets may be purchased at Consumer Beverage & Franklin Public Library*



## **We Need Your Help to Ensure Success!**

Friends Help Needed for the First Franklin Public Library Wine Tasting Benefit on Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 6-9pm.

The Friends of the Franklin Public Library truly would appreciate any help our Friends supporters can offer.

First of all, your attendance at the event would really show your support.

Secondly, the Friends ask members to sell tickets right at the Franklin Public Library. Bring a good book to enjoy or letters to write while you sit at the Wine-Tasting display area. You can offer flyers about the wine tasting event with tickets available for sale.

Quilt Raffle tickets, which totally benefit the Friends of the Franklin Public Library, can be made available to patrons at the same time. Unlike other quilt raffles, which benefited quilting programs at the Franklin Public Library, this specific "Wine-Tasting" quilt raffle will benefit the Friends of the Franklin Public Library.

And very importantly, the Friends do need assistance on the October 13<sup>th</sup> evening of the Wine-Tasting Benefit. Areas of help needed would be: set-up, ticket sales, ticket collection, assistance to bartenders, clean-up assistance, quilt raffle ticket sales, free-drawing prizes organization, and other tasks that Diane Oleson, Wine-Tasting Benefit Chairperson, may suggest.

Please e-mail Diane Oleson as to how you might feel comfortable helping. Her e-mail is [dtoleson@aol.com](mailto:dtoleson@aol.com) or call Judy Roberts @ 414-426-0012 or [jaroberts@wi.rr.com](mailto:jaroberts@wi.rr.com).

## **Dates to Remember**

**Book Sale** September 6, 7, 8, 9th

**Patchwork Quilt Workshop**  
September 15<sup>th</sup>

**Wine Tasting Party** October. 13<sup>th</sup>

**Divas and Divine Desserts** November 17th

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Editor's Note: Readers, if you have comments or contributions to add to the newsletter, please communicate them to anyone on the FPL staff, or to your editor, Janet Porte, 8051 Legend Drive, or [jporte@milwpc.com](mailto:jporte@milwpc.com)

Thank you to Judy Roberts, Diane Oleson, Shirley Koehler, and Julia Kurlinski for their contributions to this edition of the newsletter.

# Community Partners Keep "Books for Soldiers" Project Going Strong And The Troops Appreciate It!

It started simply enough in the fall of 2004 when the Friends of the Franklin Public Library donated a couple of boxes from the annual used book sale to US Armed Forces personnel serving in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Thanks to the support of community partners all over southeast Wisconsin, the effort to send care packages is still going strong 3 years later.

By reading requests posted by soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines on the "Books for Soldiers" website, the Friends volunteers know exactly which items to ship to military unit stationed overseas. And those requests aren't only for books; just as often they are for DVDs, recent magazines, snack food, or personal care items.

The Verlo Mattress Factory Stores put collection barrels in their stores this spring to help us acquire many of those items. Then the store owners and employees spent a Saturday helping pack those donations in the production area of their store on Layton Ave.

But we'd have never been able to ship it all without the generosity of the Plainfield Pub & its patrons who donated funds for postage. The WI Tavern League is matching that donation!



BFS Coordinator Karen Grochowski, Deb Seibel of the Plainfield Pub and Greg Gardetto from Verlo Mattress

We were able to send even more packages after Memorial Day when we partnered with Franklin, Greendale and Greenfield firefighters who conducted the Heroes for Heroes collection drive.

Fortunately, the "Books for Soldiers" project was selected from among several hundred nominees to receive a \$1,000 grant from the Northwestern Mutual Foundation as part of the "50 Days of Sharing" celebrating that company's 150th anniversary. This was in addition to the grant the Foundation has provided each spring when the company's employees come to the library to help pack boxes for the troops.

Volunteers were put hard to work this summer under the direction of Eagle Scout candidate John Roark who set an ambitious goal to send 1,000 care packages to the troops.

Special recognition goes to the hundreds of quilters who create the pillowcases that provide our care packages with "that little reminder of home" that means so much to those deployed.

Reprinted below are excerpts from messages recently sent to us by the troops expressing their appreciation.

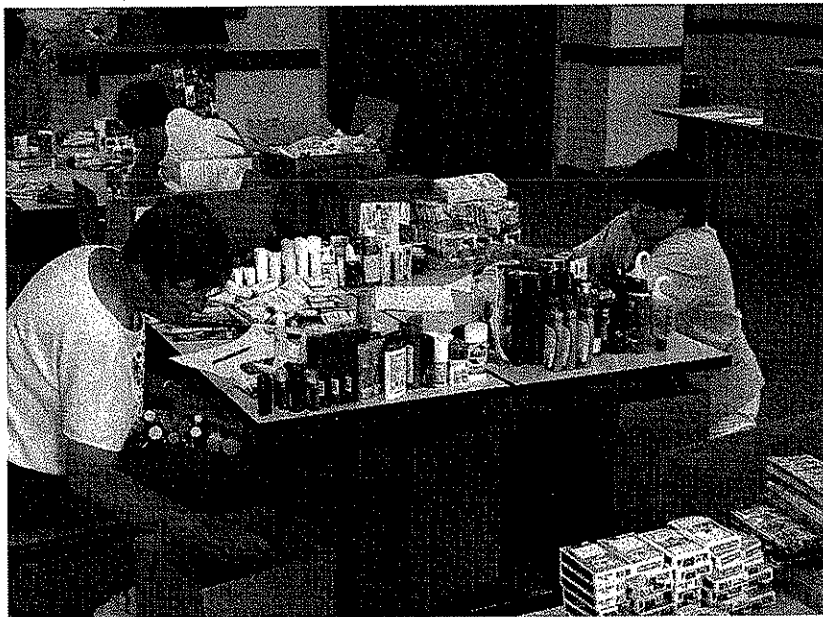
## Community Partners Keep "Books for Soldiers" Project Going Strong And The Troops Appreciate It!

"Thank you so very much for the wonderful package! My soldiers and I ripped into it like kids on Christmas day. It is a very special thing to shop, pack and pay to send a gift to someone whom you don't even know. You guys are very thoughtful and very kind. I want you to know that your generosity doesn't go unappreciated and that you made us happier for a while here in Iraq today. I hope this letter finds you guys in good health and warm spirits. Thanks again and please keep us in your prayers.

Very Respectfully, Phillip"

" Just wanted to drop a quick line to let you know that I received the package of Playstation 2 games and DVD's. I cannot possibly thank you enough. They will keep me and my men occupied for many hours. We have a makeshift movie/video game checkout where any soldier on the FOB (Forward Operating Base) can come and sign out a movie or video game anytime they want. This way every soldier gets to enjoy them. Thank you so much,  
SSG Shane\_\_\_\_\_"

Greetings , my name is Captain (name omitted) and I command a company of Paratroopers in the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division. We're currently serving in Baghdad and recently received a care package from you through the "Books for Soldiers" organization. You're doing a great job and I hope that you've learned many lessons through this excellent Eagle Scout Project. I've known several Eagle Scouts in my military career and though I was not involved with the scouts I can say that I've never met an Eagle Scout that wasn't among the most professional, disciplined members of our Army. Best of luck to you as you continue this endeavor and thank you for taking the time and having the courage to take on such an ambitious project. I know 96 Paratroopers who send their personal thanks. ALL THE WAY!



Volunteers packing items for the soldiers.